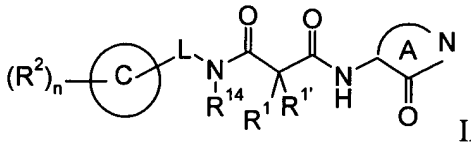
Abstract

The invention relates to malonamide derivatives of formula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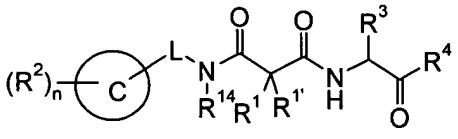
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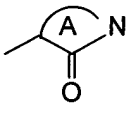
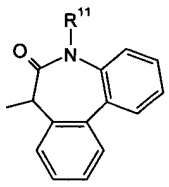
wherein

L is a bond, $-(CH_2)_m-$, $-CH(CH_3)-$, or is  ;

 is a cyclic ring, selected from the group consisting of phenyl, pyridinyl, furanyl, benzo[b]thiophenyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, indanyl, 2,2-dimethyl-[1,3]dioxolanyl and tetrahydrofuranyl;

 is selected from the group consisting of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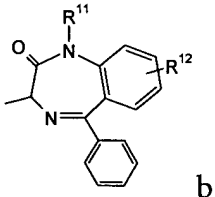
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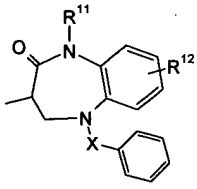
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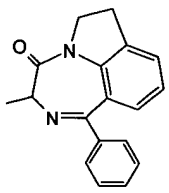
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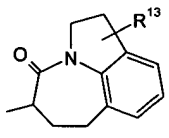
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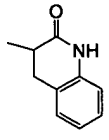
f);

and R^1, $R^{1'}$, R^2, R^3, R^{11}, R^{12}, R^{13}, R^{14}, n and X are as defined in the specification and to

pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts thereof. The compounds are γ-secretase inhibitors. Thus, the invention also relates to pharmaceutical compositions containing these compounds and to a method of treating Alzheimer's disease by administering the compounds of the invention.

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